

REMARKS

Claims 1-36, 39-71, 74-78, and 80-82 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 13, 16, 20, 39, 50, 53, 57, 76-78, and 82 are in independent form. Non-elected Claims 37, 38, 72, 73, and 79 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 80-82 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13-22, 25-27, 30-32, 34, 35, 39-71, and 74-78 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

An early and favorable examination of all claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

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